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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 3, 2022
To: Chris Moore, Executive Director
From: Jason Didden, staff
Subject: Blueline Tilefish ABC – Staff Recommendation

Blueline Tilefish

As part of the specification process, the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and Council will review the most recent information available to determine whether modification of the 2023 specifications is warranted. The Blueline Tilefish fishery is currently under multi-year specifications for 2022-2024 per a pending proposed rule. The current and to-be specified Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) is 100,520 pounds (45.60 mt), based on the current Overfishing Limit (OFL) as parsed for the Mid-Atlantic area. After a review of the available information, staff recommends no changes to the previously-recommended 2023 ABC.